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APPLICANT: Wucherpennig *et al.* **ART UNIT:** 1644
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final Office action mailed from the Patent Office on May 7, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. A Petition for a one month extension of time, up to and including Monday, September 9, 2002, is submitted herewith. The fee for the one month extension of time and any other fees associated with the submission of this paper should be charged to deposit account number 20-0531.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 103, 114, 115, 122, 125, and 131-133 as follows.

103. (Twice Amended) A Class II Major Histocompatibility Complex fusion protein comprising

a heterodimer of a first polypeptide chain and a second polypeptide chain;

wherein the first polypeptide chain comprises a fusion of, toward the N-terminus, an extracellular domain of a human MHC Class II α chain and, toward the C-terminus, a first coiled-coil dimerization domain;